



Minutes of the Perry County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting – March 5, 2015

The Winter Quarter meeting of the Perry County Board of Commissioners was convened at 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 5, 2015 in the County Board Room at the Perry County Government Building in the City of Pinckneyville.

OPENING

County Chairman Bobby Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was recited by those in attendance.

County Clerk Josh Gross called the roll. The following members answered the call of the roll: Commissioner Sam Robb, Commissioner James Epplin and Chairman Bobby Kelly. No members were absent. The following department heads were also present: State's Attorney David Stanton, Treasurer Mary Jane Craft, and Solid Waste Management Director Becky Tracy.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Kelly asked for the minutes of the February 19, 2015 regular Board of Commissioners meeting, and February 19, 2015 Executive Session, be approved. Chairman Kelly called for corrections. There were none.

Commissioner Epplin moved the minutes of the February 19, 2015 regular Board of Commissioners meeting, and February 19, 2015 Executive Session meeting, be approved. Commissioner Robb seconded the motion. On voice vote, the motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Kelly called for additions or deletions to the meeting agenda. There were none.

Commissioner Robb moved the agenda for the meeting as amended, be approved. Commissioner Epplin seconded the motion. On voice vote, the motion was approved.

ORDINANCE – AMEND COUNTY LIQUOR ORDINANCE

Clerk Gross explained that a local business would like to add electronic gaming to his business. To accomplish this Perry County must amend its current Liquor Ordinance allowing for Gambling. We will be removing the section 21-3-17a that prohibits gambling. We will also be adding section 21-3-17 stating that any business licensed under the Video Gaming Act (Chapter 230, Act 40, Section 1 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes) shall be allowed to have video gaming devices on its premises.

Commissioner Epplin moved that Ordinance 2015-02, an ordinance amending the County Liquor Ordinance to no longer prohibit electronic gaming, be approved. Commissioner Robb seconded the motion. Chairman Kelly requested a roll call vote. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted aye: Commissioner Robb, Commissioner Epplin and Chairman Kelly. The motion was approved on a vote of 3-0 and the ordinance adopted.

ORDINANCE – REDUCE 911 BOARD FROM 9 TO 7 MEMBERS

Clerk Gross explained to the board that the 911 Board has been working to reduce their board membership for the past twelve months by allowing two seats to remain un-filled. Their goal was to allow them the opportunity to reduce their board membership from 9 members to 7. Their Primary reason for decreasing their board membership is to allow them to make quorum much more consistently. They have determined that most months it is very easy to get four members present sometimes it was difficult to get five present. This change is allowed since the state statute allows for the board membership to range anywhere from 5 to 9 members.

Commissioner Robb moved that Ordinance 2015-03, an ordinance reducing the amount of 911 board members from 9 to 7, be approved. Commissioner Epplin seconded the motion. Chairman Kelly requested a roll call vote. Upon call of the roll, the following

members voted aye: Commissioner Robb, Commissioner Epplin and Chairman Kelly. The motion was approved on a vote of 3-0 and the ordinance adopted.

RESOLUTION – APPROVE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH JACKSON, UNION, PULASKI, ALEXANDER, AND PERRY EDUCATIONAL SERVICE REGION

Clerk Gross presented to the board the Intergovernmental agreement with the Regional Office of Education and the new expanded region of Counties. This new region will include Jackson, Perry, Union, Alexander, and Pulaski Counties. The budgetary responsibilities are still yet to be determined, however, Perry County is expected to be responsible for 16% of the budget. We are also guaranteed to keep our local office and all the services currently offered will continue to be offered.

Commissioner Epplin moved that Resolution 2015-22, resolution approving Intergovernmental Agreement with Jackson, Union, Pulaski, Alexander, and Perry Counties Educational Service Region, be approved. Commissioner Robb seconded the motion. Chairman Kelly requested a roll call vote. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted aye: Commissioner Robb, Commissioner Epplin and Chairman Kelly. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0 and the resolution adopted.

RESOLUTIONS – RATIFY CHAIRMAN'S APPOINTMENT TO LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Chairman Kelly confirmed that Valerie Goodwin is willing to serve on the Local Emergency Planning Committee. Mrs. Goodwin is qualified for this position through her position working for the American Red Cross. This is for an unexpired term.

Commissioner Robb moved that Resolution 2015-23, a resolution approving Valerie Goodwin, to be appointed to Local Emergency Planning Committee, be approved. Commissioner Epplin seconded the motion. Chairman Kelly requested a roll call vote. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted aye: Commissioner Robb, Commissioner Epplin and Chairman Kelly. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0 and the resolution adopted.

DISCUSSION

Josh Gross – Clerk Gross discussed Spyglass, a consulting firm who specializes in identifying over billing in the telecommunication industry. They had previously contacted Chairman Kelly who arranged a meeting between their representative, Clerk Gross and Treasurer Craft. Their business model is focused on Governmental entities since they are one of the larger industries where the overcharging occurs. Spyglass will first gather the past two months of invoices and review those charges to determine if any overbilling has been occurring. This analysis is provided free of charge. If they do identify ways to reduce costs or collect money owed to us, the County can then decide if we want to partner with them to capture those savings. The costs associated with the partnership at that time would be determined by the amount of savings and reimbursements we are looking at. We have agreed to provide them our invoices and are currently awaiting their analysis.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Kelly called for comments from the public or announcements from department heads. There were none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None was needed.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

Board members examined claims presented for payment. Board agreed to pay all bills as presented.

Commissioner Epplin moved that all claims against the General Corporate Fund and all claims against special purpose funds, be approved (see attached), with General Corporate Fund expenses to be prioritized according to policy. Commissioner Robb seconded the motion. Chairman Kelly requested a roll call vote. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted aye: Commissioner Robb, Commissioner Epplin and Chairman Kelly. The motion was approved on a vote of 3-0 and payment warrants granted.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Chairman said he would entertain a motion to adjourn and re-convene the Winter Quarter meeting at 2 p.m. on Thursday, March 19th 2015.

Commissioner Eplin moved the Board adjourn and re-convene the Winter Quarter meeting at 2 p.m. on Thursday, March 19th 2015. Commissioner Robb seconded the motion. On voice vote, the motion was approved and the Board stood adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Submitted:

JOSH GROSS, County Clerk
Clerk of the Board of Commissioners
County of Perry, State of Illinois
Approved: March 19, 2015